

**MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2009**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Lisa Nelson, Vice Chair

Bob VanBibber

Dani Murikami

Not in Attendance: Morgan Selph and Ted Eyre

**Staff**

Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Vice Chair, Lisa Nelson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dani Murikami made a motion to approve the April 8, 2009 board minutes as written. Bob VanBibber seconded. Motion was unanimous.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizens.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL NEAR GERMANIA PARK**

Dan Cornelius attended the meeting to present a proposal for a dirt trail in Murray on the Jordan River Parkway. Proposed users would be bikers, runners, and walkers. Board members were given a handout of the proposed dirt trail.

Dan reported that from surveys conducted that traffic has picked up substantially on the Jordan River Parkway and that there are more wheels than feet on the trail. He said that presently there is not a dirt trail within 10 miles of the proposed Germania Park location. In comparison, Park City has 400 miles of dirt trails. This dirt trail would provide mountain bikers a place to ride without getting in their cars to drive to a location. It would be much more convenient for a biker to ride the bike to the dirt trail.

Dan Cornelius showed the board members a drawing of what the dirt trail might look like and how it is used by the bike riders. The proposed location would be just north and west of the Germania Park soccer field. Dan is currently proposing two trails with the possibility of creating more trails in the

future. The trail has an entry at the top of the trail with a “bike-about” to change from one trail to the other.

Bob Vanbibber asked about the cost of the trail, and Dan said there would be no cost to Murray City. Construction of the trail would be done by volunteers, and grants are available. Maintenance of the trail was questioned, and Dan said that the trail could be maintained by Murray City or by “adopt-a-trail” groups. Maintenance would be very minimal.

Bob asked about the use of the trails. Dan said that the trails on the east side of the valley and those in the Park City area are very well used.

Dani Murikami asked about the distance of the trail. Dan said that the proposed trail would be approximately .7 miles around the circumference and that other trails could be incorporated within the proposed trail to end up with approximately a distance of 1.5 miles. Dani wondered if the trail would be challenging enough for bikers. Dan said that even though the trail is not a long distance that it would be better than what is currently available on the Jordan River Parkway even if one chooses to ride on the dirt horse trail. Dan said a mountain bike trail has a different concept than a relatively flat trail like the parkway; the bike trail would be curvy and have wider corridors. Dani said she wondered about the trail being long enough and challenging enough for riders. Dan said that this would be a first step with the possibility of expanding.

Doug said that Kim Sorensen, Park Superintendent, had met with Dan; and he also felt that the Germania Park location would be best for this proposed dirt trail. Doug reported that he and Kim both felt that this trail was a positive proposal and a chance for Murray to lead out on a project. Doug also stated that if Dan and volunteers were able to build the trail that Murray City would be okay with maintaining it.

Bob Vanbibber made a motion to approve the recommendation for a proposed dirt trail at the Germania Park location. Vote was unanimous to send a positive recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Doug reported that he had a couple of future agenda items. One item is a draft list of environmental issues in Parks & Recreation. Doug said that as a department, he felt that as projects or goals come about that this list would provide guides and a direction for future projects as far as the environment is concerned. Doug asked that the board members take a look at the list and jot down some notes to be talked about in a future board meeting.

Another item Doug wanted to add to a future agenda is the fishing pond at Willow Pond Park. Ever since the pond opened, there have been some problems; i.e., overuse and violators. Doug said that Kim Sorensen has been talking with state people regarding some of these problems and some suggestions to correct the problems. One of the things suggested was that the city has the ability to set rules for what happens at the fishery. These rules can be adopted by ordinance and set as part of the fishing proclamation which is published yearly by DWR. Not every water body has the same rules. Kim asked DWR if the city could restrict the pond to just a certain age group. This is another item which Doug would like to put on a future agenda.

Doug reminded everyone that the Babe Ruth World Series will be coming to Ken Price Ball Park August 20 - 29, 2009. Doug said that this should be a very fun activity, and he wanted to invite the board members to Ken Price to watch some baseball.

Doug said that he would leave it up to the board members as to whether or not they wanted to schedule a meeting in August since it is a busy month for everyone. Bob Vanbibber made a recommendation to not have a meeting in August. Board members agreed to schedule the next meeting for September 9, 2009.

Bob Vanbibber mentioned how nice the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was, and Doug said that he would pass along the compliment to the Parks & Recreation staff.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.